

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
COUNTY OF YORK, VIRGINIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 17, 2007**

**Meeting Convened.** A regular meeting of the York County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2007.

**Attendance.** The following members of the PRAB were present: Ms. Sharon Kline, Mr. Jack Christie and Mr. James Elder. Ms. Donna Simkins, Mr. Bart Barton and Mr. Bill Euker, were absent. Staff present was Ms. Cheryl Sonderman, Mr. Brian Fuller and Ms. Amy Parker.

**Consideration of Minutes.** The minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting were not approved because there was no quorum.

**Identifying Recreational Needs for the Elderly Population.** Mr. Elder asked to discuss this issue because of the changing demographic projections for the County. The Comprehensive Plan indicates that the 65 and older population will increase significantly from the current level of 9.1% of the population to 28.1% by the year 2030. He thinks that the PRAB and staff should consider how this will affect recreational facilities and programs in the future. Staff stated that they will research this issue and look at localities in the State of Florida, where there has been a large elderly population for many years.

**Comprehensive Athletic Field Inventory.** Staff distributed the updated inventory of public and private athletic fields in the County.

**Status Report on the Dog Park Issue.** An official response from the Board of Supervisors to the PRAB's letter has not been received.

**Athletic Field Complex Update.** The Board of Supervisors approved the construction contract on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Curtis Contracting from West Point is the general contractor for the project and has a very good reputation regionally for the work they have done on similar projects. Construction should begin in June, with the opening date expected to be in the spring of 2009.

The ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Invitations to the ceremony have been sent.

**Bikeways/Greenways Update.** Ms. Amy Parker gave an update on the proposed greenways trail in the Tabb area. Since there are over 100 land owners to negotiate easements with, they want to start in an area where there are fewer land owners to deal with and where the greenway can provide a connection between schools. The PRAB concurred with staff on this approach. Ms. Parker indicated that at present, there was

no funding for the greenway plan as the budget has been used to construct sidewalks in various areas of the County. Ms. Kline asked about the availability of grant funding for greenways. Ms. Parker said that they would be looking into what grants might be available.

Ms. Parker also brought a draft of the map for the new John Smith Water Trail. She said that the map was under review and that there were some corrections that needed to be made.

There was no further update on the bikeways plan.

**Matters Presented by the Board.** Ms. Kline stated that she will be out of town in July and will miss the next PRAB meeting. Ms. Sonderman said she will also be out of town and not available for the next meeting. Ms. Sonderman offered to talk to Ms. Simkins about cancelling the July meeting and get back to the PRAB.

Ms. Kline asked if the vacancy had been filled on the PRAB. Ms. Sonderman said that the Board of Supervisors has not filled the vacancy yet.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.